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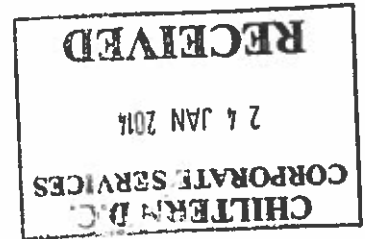
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23rd January 2014



Dear Mr. Winwright

Subject: Stables at Toby's Lane, Little Missenden included in Draft Pre-Submission DDPD

At Little Missenden Parish Council's Meeting (LMPC) on 20th January 2014 the current status of the Stables at Toby's Lane was discussed with regard to it's continued occupation in breach of planning regulation and it's inclusion in the Draft Pre-Submission DDPD for 1 pitch. The planning history of this site is tortuous and CDC Planning Enforcement consider that court action for removal would lead to further extensions being granted to the current occupancy, despite flagrant breach of planning regulation.

The owner occupied this site without planning permission; a retrospective planning application resulted in refusal from CDC. The owner appealed and the Public Enquiry was delayed due to lack of proper representation on behalf of the owner; once finally heard, the Inspector upheld the refused decision of CDC although allowed a further 12 months for compliance. The date for vacation of the site was 23rd May 2013 and enforcement of the planning decision is still pending.

Despite the planning history this site had been included in the Draft Pre-Submission DDPD for 1 pitch. LMPC believe the democratic process carried out by CDC through planning and subsequent appeal should be upheld. The owner is trying to use every conceivable method to continue to occupy this site and if he were to succeed to have this site included in the DDPD for 1 pitch, it would confirm popular opinion that those who choose to treat planning regulations with contempt will in the end benefit from their actions due to the constraints placed by enforcement.

This site was purchased by the owner/occupier when it was a stables and has resided there continuously in his caravan. This has subsequently expanded and there are now 3 pitches on the site. The owner/occupier also owns the adjacent fields adjoining the A404 up to the boundary with Mop End Lane. Due to the history of non-compliance with planning regulations it does not take much imagination to envisage all this land eventually being occupied by travellers/gypsies, even if only 1 pitch was granted in the DDPD.

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Additional evidence to support this view is contained in Appendix 10 whereby 43 separate nominations were received for this as an additional site to support up to 6 pitches, each of them stating they reside on the site.

Therefore, LMPC urge you in the strongest terms possible to dismiss this site proposal for 1 pitch in the Draft Pre-Submission DDPD at your meeting in February 2014.

Yours sincerely


G Feltham

Chairman

Little Missenden Parish Council

P.S. In order to be constructive, have you considered on an additional site, the land at Horsemoor Lane, off Mop End East Lane, Little Missenden. This area is predominately occupied by a large electricity distribution station, but there is sufficient space, the area is flat, well screened and cannot be view from the surrounding area.

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